

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Scott Brown, of Massachusetts, was administered the oath of Office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2982–3005, S.J. Res. 27, and S. Res. 407–410.

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Measures Reported:

S. 850, to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–124)

S. 952, to develop and promote a comprehensive plan for a national strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia through baseline research, forecasting and monitoring, and mitigation and control while helping communities detect, control, and mitigate coastal and Great Lakes harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–125)

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Becker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, February 8, 2010.

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Greenaway and Becker Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, February 8, 2010, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and resume consideration of the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the

National Labor Relations Board; with the time until 5 p.m., equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the debate time run concurrently with respect to Joseph. A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board; that at 5 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; that upon disposition of the nomination of Joseph. A. Greenaway, Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 60 yeas 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 20), Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 82 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 19), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daryl J. Boness, of Maine, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2013.

Larry Robinson, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.